IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| LI et al. |)) Group Art Unit: 1654 |
| Application No.: 10/525,441 |) Examiner: Jennifer I.Harle |
| Filed: February 22, 2005 |)) |
| For: INJECTABLE SOLID HYALURONIC ACID CARRIERS FOR DELIVERY OF OSTEOGENIC PROTEINS | Confirmation No.: 3832))) |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2008, the period for response having been extended to June 11, 2008 by a request for extension of one (1) month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper on page 6.

Attachments:

- Sigma-Aldrich Co., Needle Conversion Chart, screenshot, http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/Area_of_Interest/Research_Essentials/ Chemicals/Key_Resources/Technical_Library/Needle_Gauge_Chart. html, 05/07/08;
- Stedman's Medical Dictionary p. 223 "bone" (27th ed. 2000);
- <u>Stedman's Medical Dictionary</u> p. 1067 "marrow" (27th ed. 2000).